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SUBJECT: 1974 ICAO ASSEMBLY SITE

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FOR USREP ICAO

1. DEPT HAS CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY HOSTING NEXT ICAO ASSEMBLY BUT GENERAL AGREEMENT WASHINGTON IS TO ABSTAIN. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS ALONE WOULD MAKE HOSTSHIP MOST DIFFICULT SINCE THIS EVENTUALITY NOT CONSIDERED WHEN APPROPRIATION REQUEST SUBMITTED. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN SPRING 1972, WHEN POSSIBILITIES OF HOSTING 74 ASSEMBLY OR REGIONAL MEETING DISCUSSED, WE OPTED FOR PACRAN WHICH JUST CONCLUDED IN HONOLULU. US ALSO HOSTED ASSEMBLY IN 1959.

2. ALTHOUGH PRESENT FACILITIES MONTREAL MARGINAL, WE BELIEVE ICAO SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT HOLD CONFERENCE THERE IN 1974 UNLESS CONCENSUS DEVELOPS THAT FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE. IN THIS EVENT, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH REPS OTHER WESTERN NATIONS, NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO YOUR EXPLORING WITH SOVIET REP POSSIBILITY USSR HOSTING 1974 ASSEMBLY. US WOULD EXPECT 1977 ASSEMBLY, WHICH YOU SAY SOVIETS MIGHT HOST, TO BE HELD ICAO HEADQUARTERS SINCE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW BUILDING WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE WITH ADEQUATE

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR LARGE CONFERENCES. PLEASE REPORT ANY
REACTION TO DEPT.

3. NO OBJECTION YOUR SUPPORTING BUT NOT ENCOURAGING
OFFER FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR OTHER STATE TO HOST 1974
ASSEMBLY.

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